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Project Safe Neighborhoods: Rock Island Man Charged with Federal Firearms and Drug Crimes

Rock Island, IL- Rodger A. Heaton, United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, announced that a federal grand jury returned an indictment on March 16, 2006, charging Kim Lee Millbrook, age 38 of 1030 11th Avenue, Rock Island, Illinois, with possession of a firearm by a felon and possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

The indictment alleges in Count One that Millbrook possessed eight firearms despite having been previously convicted of six felony crimes in Illinois. According to the indictment filed today, Millbrook's prior felony convictions were in Rock Island County, Illinois, and included unlawful restraint, unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1000 feet of a public park, home invasion, criminal damage to property, and retail theft. The indictment further alleges in Count Two that Millbrook possessed with the intent to distribute over five grams of crack cocaine.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Rock Island Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Mehochko under the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative.

If convicted for the offense of possession of a firearm by a felon, the maximum penalty is 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. For the possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine, Millbrook faces a statutory mandatory-minimum term of five years in prison and up to 40 years imprisonment.

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If a defendant has a prior felony drug conviction, the mandatory-minimum penalty increases to at least 10 years imprisonment. Upon conviction Millbrook also faces a fine of up to \$4,000,000.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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